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China has accelerated its nuclear test schedule and plans to conduct seven tests by 1996. [REDACTED]

**Comment:** China's decision to speed up its schedule at a time when the US, the UK, Russia, and France are observing test moratoriums may be a reaction to growing international pressure for a comprehensive nuclear test ban in 1996. The increase may also allow Beijing to cut some tests as a concession to the international community without halting all testing. The Chinese will continue to argue that their testing program has been insignificant in comparison with the nuclear superpowers. Beijing wants to continue to test for its strategic systems under development and possibly to test for tactical systems to be developed in the future. [REDACTED]

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